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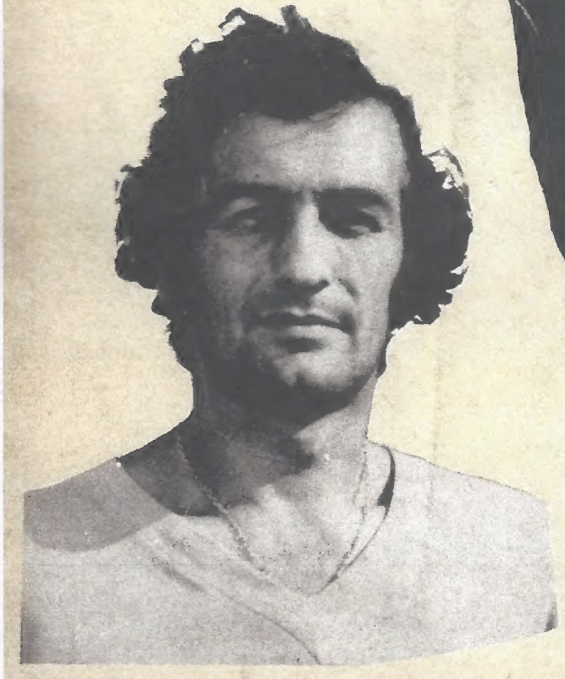

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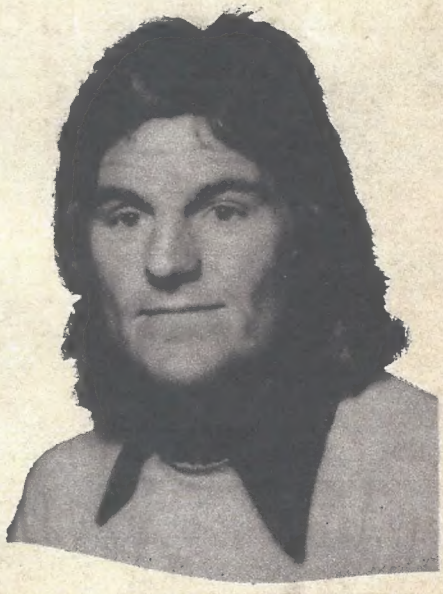

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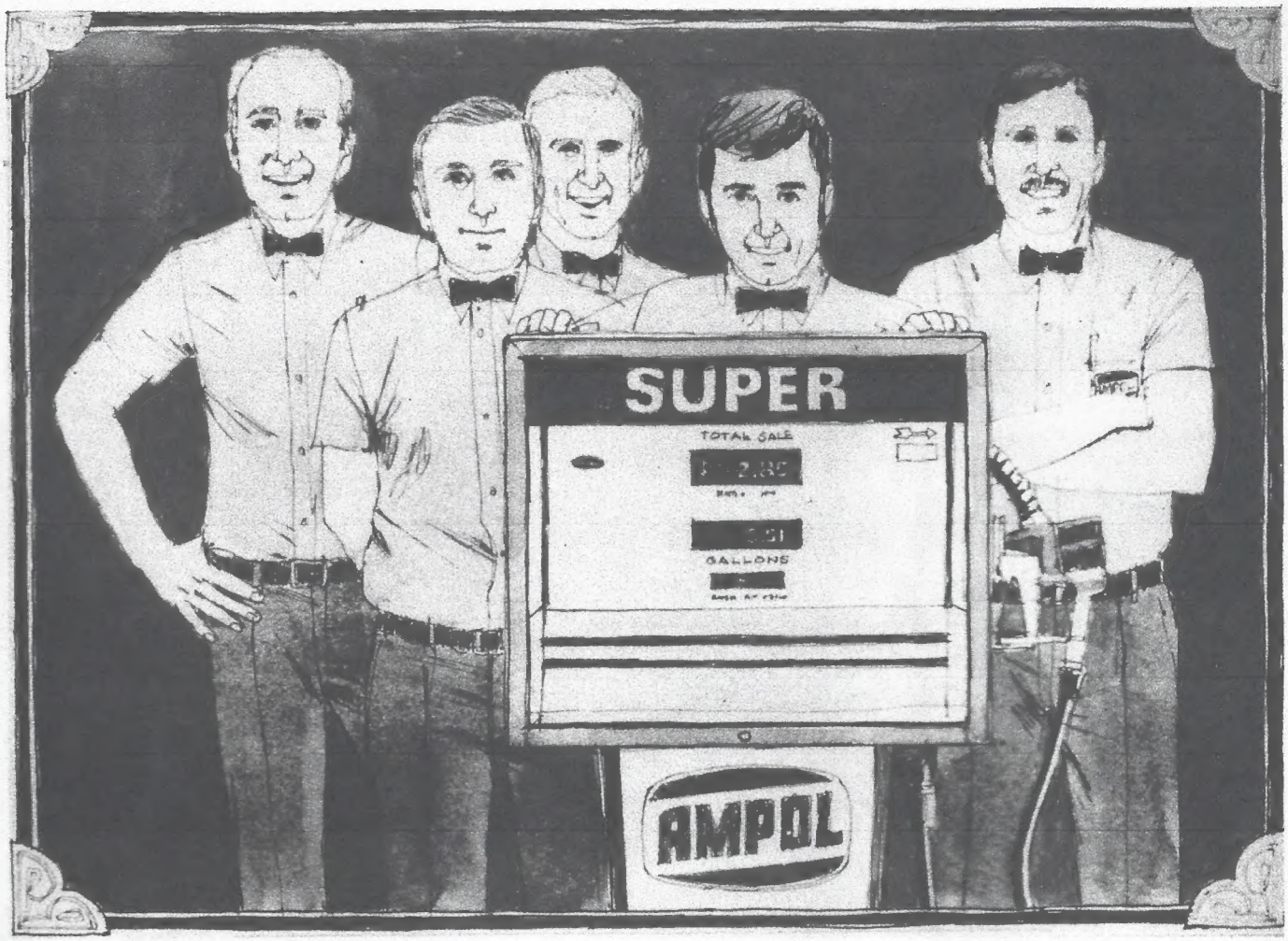

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WELCOME URUGUAY

from the Australian Soccer Federation

by Sir Arthur George, President

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to extend a cordial welcome to the officials and players of the Uruguay Football Federation. I sincerely hope that their stay in Australia, although brief, is a most enjoyable one. As can be witnessed today in this large crowd, they have many of their colleagues from South America now permanently residing in Australia, and they can be assured of a very warm welcome from their compatriots.

This is the first ever visit to Australia by a National Team from South America, and it is even more important to note that both of the teams playing today are finalists in the 1974 F.I.F.A. World Cup competition. We are grateful to the Uruguay Football Federation for visiting Australia, and giving our National Team the opportunity to test their skills against one of the finest teams in the World, and one with a most illustrious record of victories in the World Cup competition.

On behalf of the Australian Soccer Federation, and Soccer enthusiasts throughout the country, I take this opportunity of wishing the Uruguay National Team every success for their matches to be played in West Germany, and we hope that they can repeat their successes of 1930 and 1950, when they were winners.

I will also take this opportunity to thank the Australian team for its dedication and co-operation over a period of three years in which we have been preparing for, and playing, the qualification matches. Ahead of them is the greatest test ever undertaken by an Australian Soccer team, and I refer to the finals in West Germany. Whatever the results, I know that our players will fight to the last, and will be worthy ambassadors of Australia, both on and off the field of play. I wish them good luck, good results, and a safe return to Australia.

ARTHUR T. GEORGE,
PRESIDENT.

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How Australia & Uruguay reached the cup finals

Separated by almost the whole globe, both Australia and Uruguay had to fight hard through many elimination matches to qualify for the finals of the 1974 World Cup tournament in West Germany.

Australia was bracketed with an unusually heavy entry from Asia-Oceania of 15 nations. The 15 were split into sub-Groups, with qualifying matches being played in Auckland, Sydney, Melbourne, Seoul and Teheran.

These mini tournaments cut the field from 15 to three teams, leaving Australia with home and away matches against Iran, the winners to play in the Group final against South Korea. Only one World Cup finals place was allotted to the 15 Asia-Oceania teams which made nonsense of some claims that Australia had "an easy passage" to West Germany.

Australia's results in the World Cup qualifying matches:—

New Zealand in Auckland	**drew 1–1**
Iraq in Sydney	**won 3–1**
Indonesia in Sydney	**won 2–1**
New Zealand in Sydney	**drew 3–3**
Iraq in Melbourne	**drew 0–0**
Indonesia in Sydney	**won 6–0**
Iran in Sydney	**won 3–0**
Iran in Teheran	**lost 2–0**
Sth Korea in Sydney	**drew 0–0**
Sth Korea in Seoul	**drew 2–2**
Sth Korea in Hong Kong	**won 1–0**

In all, Australia had to play 11 matches to win a place in the World Cup. Only one of those games was lost. It is a record of which all Australians can be proud.

While the Socceroos were tidying up Asia, Uruguay played in South American Group 1, against the comparatively simple opposition supplied by Ecuador and Colombia. Yet Uruguay, despite their high standing in the world rankings, only just scraped through on goals difference, cheating Colombia of qualification.

The Uruguayan results were:—
Drew 0 — 0 with Colombia.
Lost 1 — 0 to Colombia.
Beat Ecuador 2 — 1.
Beat Ecuador 4 — 0.

This gave Uruguay five points out of a possible eight, exactly the same points return as Colombia. But the four goals beating of Ecuador swung things in Uruguay's favour, yielding a final goals tally of six for and two against — a difference of four goals. Colombia scored only three and conceded two — a difference of one goal.

These results would indicate that Uruguay is no longer the power it used to be in South American Soccer, but it must be remembered that some of Uruguay's better players could not obtain release from foreign club sides for the Cup qualifying tournament. At full strength, Uruguay is still rated one of South America's greatest national teams.

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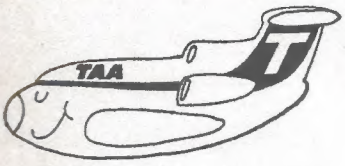

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Uruguay first to qualify for FIFA World Cup – 1974 Final Tournament

From left to right: Luis Ubina (Captain), Francisco Bertocchi, Gustavo De Simone, Denis Milar, Mario Soryez, Juan Masnik, Fernando Morena, Alberto Cardaccio, Victor Esparrago, Luis Cubilla and Hector Santos.

AUSTRALIAN WORLD CUP SQUAD

BACK ROW *(from left): Rale Rasic, Branko Buljevic, John Watkiss, Peter Wilson, Adrian Alston, Max Tolson, Ernie Campbell, Les Scheinflug.*

CENTRE: *Harry Williams, Ray Baartz, Doug Utjesenovic, Atti Abonyi, Ray Richards, Manfred Schaefer.*

FRONT: *Jim Rooney, Jim Mackay, Jim Milisavljevic, Jim Fraser, Col Curran, John Warren.*

THE WORLD CUP —how it all started

It is fitting that today, with World Cup qualifiers Australia and Uruguay meeting at the Sydney Cricket Ground, we should take a brief look back at how the World Cup originated.

Although such a tournament was envisaged as early as 1904 when FIFA, Soccer's international Federation, was formed, the first World Cup was not staged until 1930.

Uruguay, the Olympic champions, anxious to celebrate their 100th year of independence, were strong contenders to be host nation of the inaugural Cup competition. If their centenary celebrations plus their Olympic Soccer success were not sufficient to sway the voting, the Uruguayans finally were given the status of host nation by offering to pay all expenses of the competing nations travelling to the tournament. They also said they would build a new 100,000 capacity stadium in a matter of months in Montevideo to provide the new competition with a suitable arena.

Despite assurances from many European countries that the World Cup would be well supported, only four European teams, France, Belgium, Yogoslavia and Roumania eventually travelled in 1930. It was an insult to Uruguay which, to this day, has never been forgotten.

In all, there were 13 national teams in the 1930 World Cup. Contrast that with the entries for the 1974 Cup which reached a record 97, reduced to 90 after some defections.

Since the brave initial adventure of 1930, the World Cup has steadily developed into the biggest sporting event in the world. . . .not excluding the Olympic Games.

Today, enormous cash profits are yielded by the World Cup final 16 tournament. In post-war Cups, vast crowds have patronised the matches in such cities as Rio, Berne, Stockholm, Santiago, London, Mexico City, Zurich, Gotenburg, Manchester and Guadalajara. The West German organisers of this year's World Cup confidently predict that all records will be smashed in June and July when the applications for tickets will far exceed the supply. Even with "unknowns" of the Soccer world like Zaire, Haiti and Australia playing in German cities, there is talk of an average attendance at all Cup matches of around 50,000.

It is only 44 years since just four European nations had to be coerced to compete in the first World Cup in Uruguay. This year there is no need to persuade either teams or spectators to support this magnificent tournament.

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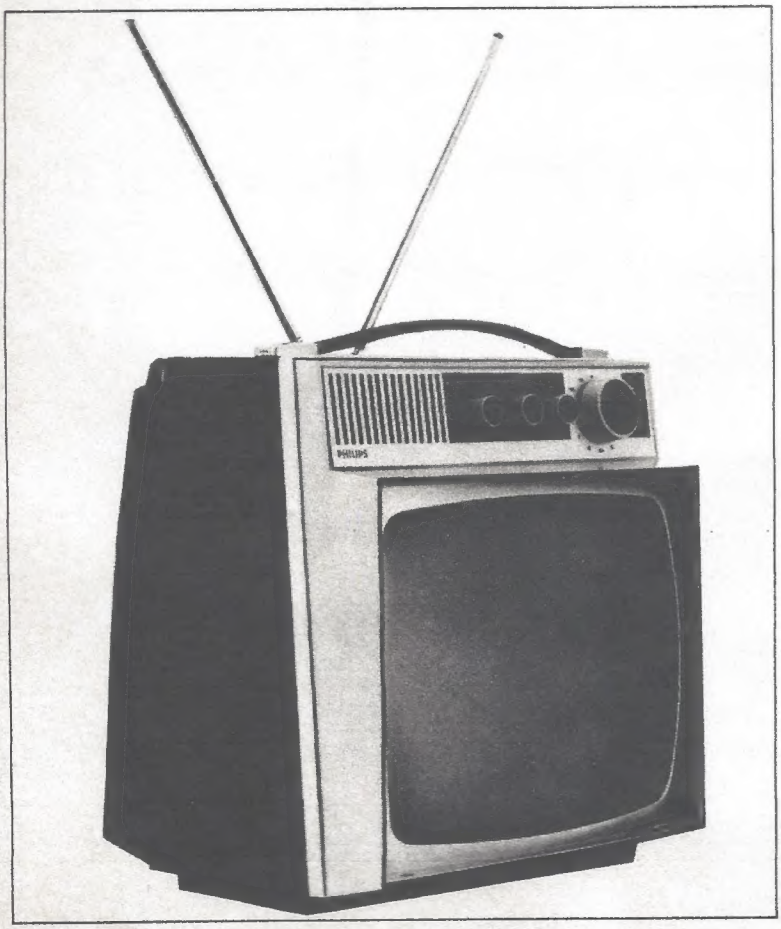
RESULTS IN WORLD CUP FINALS

1930 in Montevideo	Uruguay 4, Argentina 2
1934 in Rome	Italy 2, Czechoslovakia 1
1938 in Paris	Italy 4, Hungary 2
1950 in Rio	Uruguay 2, Brazil 1
1954 in Berne	Germany 3, Hungary 2
1958 in Stockholm	Brazil 5, Sweden 2
1962 in Santiago	Brazil 3, Czechoslovakia 1
1966 in London	England 4, West Germany 2
1970 in Mexico City	Brazil 4, Italy 1

Dave Harding

Jack Reilly



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(5) COL CURRAN
(6) RAY RICHARDS
(7) JIMMY ROONEY
(8) JIMMY MACKAY
(9) RAY BAARTZ
(10) ADRIAN ALSTON
(11) ATTI ABONYI
(12) BRANKO BULJEVIC
(13) PETER OLLERTON
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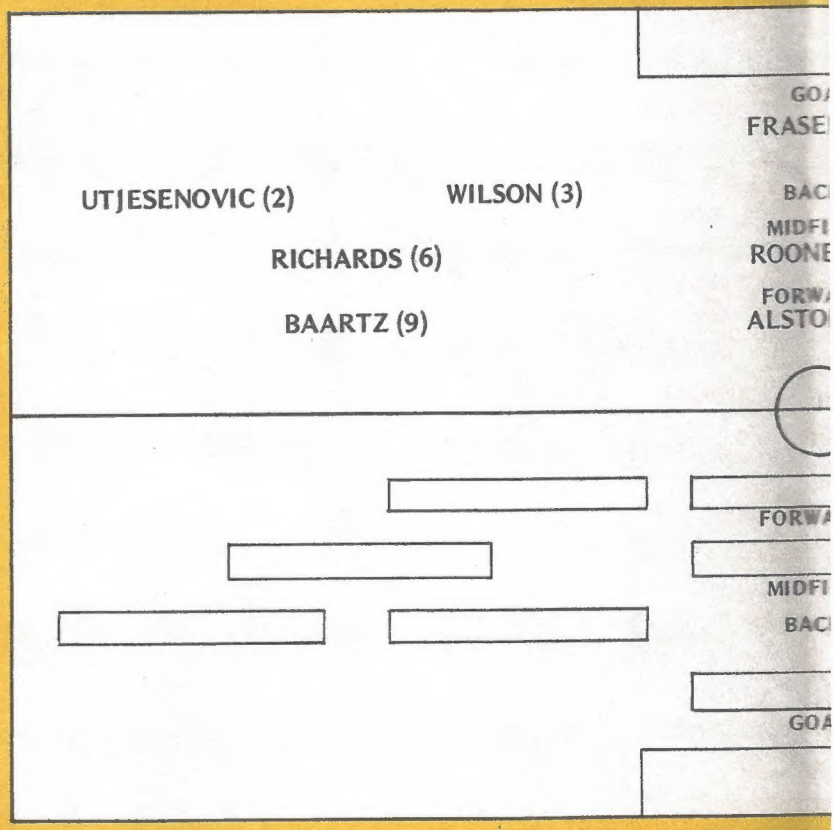

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JUAN MASNIK (3)
LUIS GARISTO (3)
MARIO GONZALES (4)
ROBERTO BURGOS (4)
ALBERTO CARDACCIO (5)
SAUL RIVERO (5)
MARIO ZORYEZ (6)
RICHARD FORLAN (7)
PEDRO ALVAREZ (7)
DENIS MILAR (8)
WALTER MANTEGAZZA (8)
JULIO GIMENEZ (8)
OMAR MONDADA (9)
FERNANDO MORENA (10)
JOSE GOMEZ (10)
JUAN SILVA (10)
ROBEN CARBO (11)

AUSTRALIAN WORLD

Jack Reilly — goalkeeper, plays for Hakoah in Melbourne. Formerly a professional with Scottish first division club, Hibernian. Scottish born. Became Australia's first choice goalkeeper in 1970 but was left out of World Cup squad last year after failing to attend training. Now back in favour, Reilly is bidding to displace Jim Fraser.

Jim Milisavljevic — goalkeeper with Footscray J.U.S.T. in Melbourne. Born in Australia of Yugoslavian parents, Milisavljevic was Australia's number two goalkeeper last year. Coach Rale Rasic has followed and helped Milisavljevic's career since giving him a first grade place at the age of 16 with J.U.S.T.

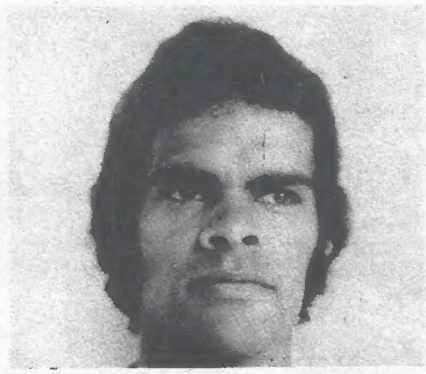
Peter Ollerton — forward. Seemed set to win a World Cup place last year after moving from Melbourne to Sydney but failed to make the cut-off for matches against Iran and South Korea. Tall, powerful, goalscorer, particularly strong in the air. Scored five goals in 1974 Ampol Cup final for Apia Leichhardt against Auburn. Born in Lancashire.

Doug Utjesenovic — right-back. One of several St. George Budapest players honoured by Australia, Utjesenovic was born in Yugoslavia and moved to Melbourne where he played for Footscray J.U.S.T. before being transferred to St. George. An attacking full-back, Utjesenovic is a master of the overlap but may have some tackling shortcomings.

Manfred Schaefer — defender. Hero of many an international match for Australia, Manfred plays for St. George Budapest. Now nearing the end of an illustrious career, Schaefer's eyes are on a World Cup trip to his homeland, Germany, from where he emigrated as a 14 year-old. Keeps fit by doing two milk runs in the Blacktown area.

Adrian Alston — forward. Played professionally with Preston North End (his home town club) as a teenager but appeared to be making little headway and decided to quit English football to try his luck in Australia. Has been a star performer ever since his arrival here in 1967. Played for South Coast, St. George Budapest and Safeway United, his present club.

Peter Wilson — Australia's World Cup captain. Centre-half, usually playing as a sweeper behind his full-backs. Born in England (Newcastle on Tyne) and played professionally with Middlesbrough before migrating to Australia to play for South Coast United. Transferred to Marconi Fairfield but then returned to Safeway United. Solid, reliable.



Harry Williams — left-back, plays for St. George Budapest. A recent victim of encephalitis, Williams appeared to have no chance of a World Cup place a few weeks ago but he has made an excellent recovery to make a belated bid for the trip to West Germany. The first Aborigine to be honoured by Australia, Williams was first selected for the 1970 world tour.

Branko Buljevic — forward. Operates mainly on the left-wing, but often cuts inside to score vital goals. One of the few non-NSW men in the World Cup squad, Buljevic plays with Footscray J.U.S.T. Born in Yugoslavia, but naturalised before the 1972 Asian tour where he won his initial international honours. A skilful player, Buljevic still has to reveal his best form in hard, international matches.

CUP SQUAD

Jimmy Rooney — midfield player with Apia Leichhardt. Born in Scotland, Rooney could be rated the hardest-working player in the World Cup squad. Covers an enormous amount of ground in every match, and has had fewer Australian honours than his talent merits. Played in Melbourne before moving to Sydney Prague and, later, Apia.

Dave Harding — midfield. Like his Pan Hellenic team-mate Ivo Rudic, Harding is a new face in the World Cup squad. Has played consistently for Pan Hellenic for several years without attracting international recognition. Came to Sydney in 1968 from the Soccer-mad Merseyside district in England where he was born.

Ray Richards — midfield. Star of the Marconi Fairfield team where he struck up a fruitful partnership with coach Rale Rasic. The pair are also business partners in the "Four R Sports World". Born in London, Richards played in Brisbane before moving to Sydney.

Jimmy Mackay — midfield player with Hakoah Eastern Suburbs in Sydney, Mackay will always be remembered as the man whose so-important goal put Australia into the World Cup finals, when he scored against South Korea in the Hong Kong replay last year. Far from a flashy performer, Mackay's best work often goes unseen. Relies on good positional sense and deft touches for maximum effect. Scottish-born.

Atti Abonyi — forward with St. George Budapest. Born in Hungary, Abonyi moved to Australia to live in Melbourne when he was a schoolboy. Played there for Melbourne H.S.C. with which club he earned his first international honours. Transferred to St. George and has played in various forward positions with Saints.

Jim Fraser — goalkeeper. Australia's first choice in last year's deciding World Cup games against Iran and South Korea. Plays for St. George Budapest in Sydney. Australian-born of Scottish parents. First picked for Australia in 1969 but after a slump, had to battle back to the big time.

Col Curran — left-back. Australian-born. Plays for Western Suburbs in Sydney but first came to the front with Adamstown Rosebuds in Northern NSW. Served an apprenticeship at Old Trafford with Manchester United. Probably the most consistent player in the World Cup squad.

Ray Baartz — a regular in Australian teams since 1967, Baartz has the best shot in the side. Likes the midfield role, despite his explosive shooting power. Spent two years in England with Manchester United as a teenager, but his home is Newcastle (NSW) where he hopes to return after the World Cup and the 1974 season. Plays for Hakoah Eastern Suburbs.

Gary Manuel — forward. Was regarded as a player of enormous potential when selected for Australia's previous World Cup qualifying series in 1969 but made little progress since then. Career seriously hampered by several injuries. Hit peak form in this year's Ampol Cup for his club, Pan Hellenic. This Australian-born goalscorer, on his day, has outstanding ability.

Ivo Rudic — centre-half. A newcomer to the international scene, Rudic is a skilful defender who could be a surprise selection in the World Cup squad. After several outstanding seasons with Yugal in Sydney, Rudic joined Pan Hellenic this year where his coach is Rale Rasic. Rudic was born in Yugoslavia.

MEET THE URUGUAYANS

For a nation of its size, Uruguay has made enormous contributions to the world of international Soccer. The smallest independent State in South America, flanked by the giant Brazil and Argentina, Uruguay boasts barely 3,000,000 citizens.

Uruguay's achievements in Soccer are out of all proportion to its population. If Sugar Ray Robinson was once described as the world's greatest pound for pound fighter, Uruguay could similarly be called the world's outstanding Soccer nation. . . .based on population.

Twice winner of the World Cup (in 1930 and 1950), Uruguay has also played a successful role in international Soccer at club level. Clubs from this so-small country have regularly won the South American championship, while Penarol (1961 and 1966) and Nacional (1971) won the world club championship. . .the greatest achievement possible for a club team.

Alberto Cardaccio

Denis Milar

It is not surprising that Australia's coach Rale Rasic has described the Uruguayans as "the strongest international team ever to visit Australia".

Evidence of Uruguay's 1974 standing in World Soccer was provided a few months ago when the draw for the World Cup was made in Frankfurt. The Uruguayans were seeded in the top four, bracketed with West Germany, Brazil and Italy.

It is expected that a few of Uruguay's expatriate international players will not appear in Melbourne and Sydney on this tour. These players are on contract to clubs in Brazil and other countries and are having some difficulty in gaining their release for pre-World Cup matches. Nevertheless, the squad touring Australia will be basically Uruguay's Cup squad and must be strong favourites to win in Melbourne and Sydney.

The team is captained by Juan Carlos Masnik, who has played more than 25 times for Uruguay. At 31, Masnik is one of the veterans of the side and played in the 1970 World Cup in Mexico. He also played twice in the world club championship final, with Penarol in 1961 and with his present club, Nacional, 10 years later.

Fernando Morena, Uruguay's centre-forward, is one of the most brilliant forwards in South America and has been compared to the world's best. It seems only a question of time before Morena is lured to a foreign club, in fact it was reported that Brazil's Vasco Da Gama were prepared to pay $US500,000 for his transfer. Morena was Uruguay's leading goalscorer in 1973.

Another player involved in a big transfer deal was Luis Garisto who cost his present club, Penarol, about $200,000 when they signed him from Argentina's world club champions, Independiente. Garisto (30) has had a ton of experience in top class football.

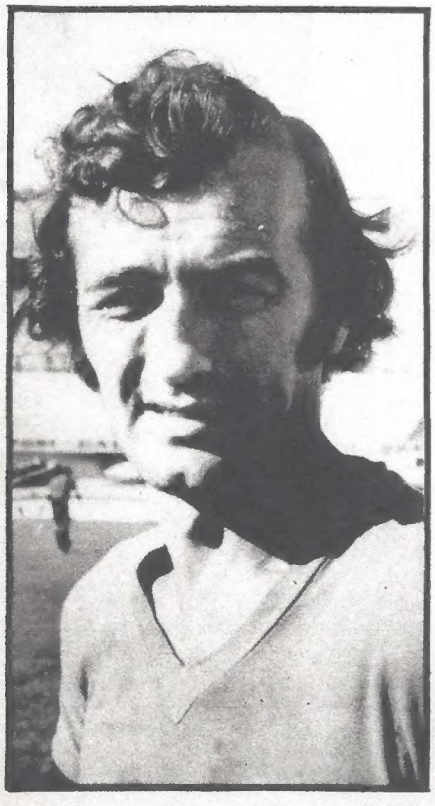
Penarol will soon recover their large outlay on Garisto by transferring the rather romantically named Ruben Romeo Corbo to a Spanish club which

has offered $300,000 for him.

At 22, Ruben Romeo Corbo is looking forward to a successful and lucrative career in European Soccer.

Other prominent players expected to parade their particular brand of South American Soccer sorcery at the Sydney Cricket Ground are left-winger Denis Milar, Alberto Cardaccio, a veteran of 10 years first division experience who was in the World Cup squad in Mexico, Walter Vallarino of Nacional and another Penarol star, 23 year-old Mario Gonzalez.

These are the Uruguayans hoping to travel to West Germany for Group matches against Holland, Bulgaria and Sweden — but they realise they must do well in Australia to win their Cup



Juan Masnik

Fernando Morena

places. They are determined to fight off the challenge of Uruguayan stars now playing in Brazil and other places. Uruguay will always have room for outstanding "foreign" players like Pedro Rocha but if others remain too long in club Soccer abroad, they will find it difficult displacing those on tour in Australia.

Coach of Uruguay's team is Roberto Porta. In appearance, Senor Porta looks anything but a football coach. Bald and rather plump, with a heavily wrinkled countenance, Porta has something of an Alf Garnett look about him. But he has excellent credentials and is determined to toughen up the sometimes frail Uruguayans in the next few vital weeks leading to the World Cup finals.

AUSTRALIA —

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

Today's SCG match against Uruguay has been described as the most important international Soccer fixture ever played in Australia. It could be argued that World Cup qualifying matches against Israel (1969), Iran and South Korea (1973) were more important, yet there is no argument about the significance of the match being staged here today.

Should Australia lose heavily to a slightly under-strength Uruguay, the knockers will be able to say "I told you so." Should Australia win, our players will be able to travel to the World Cup in Hamburg and Berlin with their tails up. And be sure today's result will be transmitted throughout the world for universal consumption.

There are many people, alas a number of them Australians, who still believe Rale Rasic and his Socceroos are somewhat presumptuous even to compete in the Cup final 16 tournament. These same people are convinced Australia will get a terrible drubbing from East Germany, West Germany and Chile. But recent history suggests they are wrong.

Let us not forget that, four years ago, Asia's representatives in the Mexico World Cup were not disgraced. Asia's flag was carried by Israel, an amateur team which drew 1 — 1 with Sweden, drew 0 — 0 with Italy and succumbed to Uruguay by two goals to nil. Italy, of course, went on to the World Cup final before going down to brilliant Brazil.

Four years previously, when England hosted the Cup, Asia was represented by North Korea. It is no exaggeration to say the Koreans were treated as World Cup impostors when they arrived in England and were even ridiculed as Soccer pretenders. But the little Orientals made no pretence about their ambitions to achieve "a couple of reasonable results" — despite having mighty Italy and Russia and also Chile in their Group.

It is history now that North Korea qualified for the quarter finals along with Russia, at the expense of the Italians, beaten 1 — 0 by the North Korean "impostors" at Middlesbrough's Ayresome Park.

It is also history that North Korea shocked Portugal by going into an unbelievable 3 — 0 lead in the first half of their quarter final match in Liverpool. Instead of shutting up shop and throwing all into defence, the immature Koreans actually attempted to score even more goals. They paid the penalty, going down gallantly to the Portuguese by 5 — 3.

Were the 1970 Israelis and the 1966 North Koreans any more formidable than the 1974 Australians? It is doubtful.

Certainly West Germany will be a mammoth assignment for the Socceroos in Hamburg: so too will East Germany, although they are not unbeatable. As for Chile, if we fear the outcome of a match against them, Australian Soccer is at a low ebb. It will not be easy, but Chile can be beaten.

Today, many of our questions will be answered. That is the main reason for staging this international fixture. At last, after waiting for so many years, Australian Soccer fans will discover just how far the code has progressed in this country since it adopted its more professional image.

Australia v Uruguay may be classed officially as a "friendly" match but if anyone imagines this has anything to do with social Soccer, he had better think again.

The immediate future of Australian Soccer — and particularly our World Cup hopes and ambitions — could depend on what happens today at the SCG.

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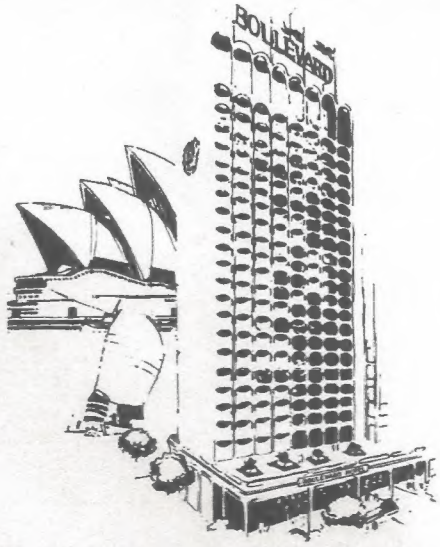

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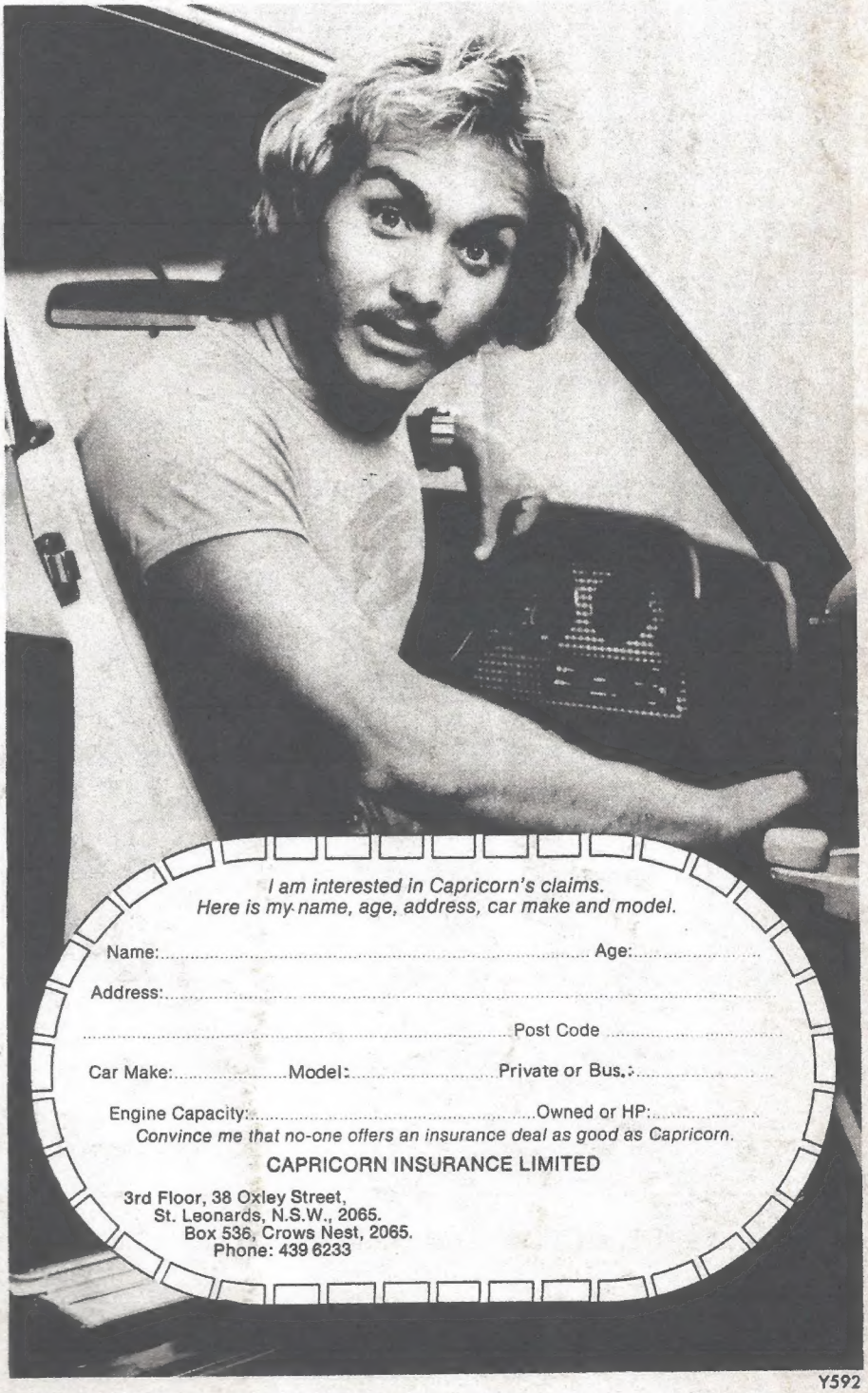

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